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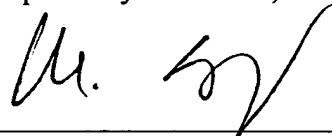
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and in recognition of his duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office relevant information known to be material to patentability, Applicant herewith submits a copy of the prior art listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449). The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the disclosed reference be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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FOR CLEANING SOLUTION  
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Enclosed herewith are patents and/or publications for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in regard to the invention claimed in the above-described application. In compliance with §1.56, such documents are listed in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicants request that the Patent and Trademark Office make of record the above-identified documents. Unless otherwise indicated, a full text copy of each document is attached. For documents not in English, an English translation or an equivalent English language patent or publication is attached. Where a translation is not available, a concise explanation of the relevance of each document not in English is included either here or in the specification.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted according to the following selected paragraph:

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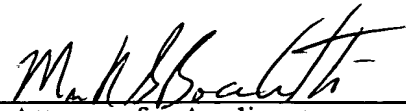
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